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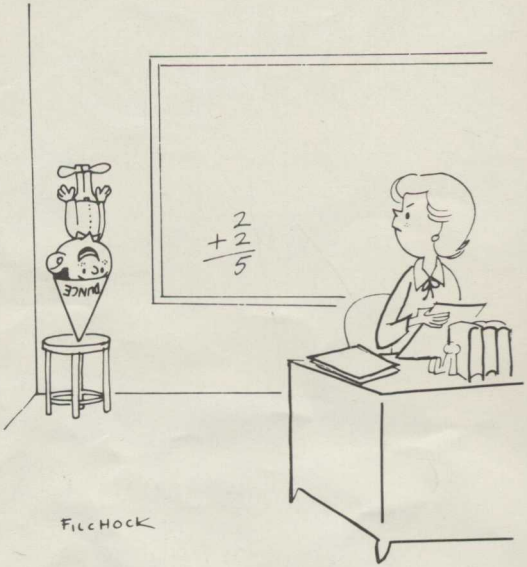

"I'm going to join a circus when I get big!"

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After hiring the young man, the employer gave him a broom. "Your first job," he said, "will be to sweep out the office."

"But," the youth protested, "I'm a college graduate."

"Very well," replied the boss, "hand me the broom, and I'll show you how."

First, get all the facts possible. Then, distort them to suit whatever argument you're involved in.

Anybody who thinks free speech costs nothing isn't listening.

The third-grade teacher asked her class if anyone could name the 50 States. One bright young lad popped up and rattled them all off without hesitation.

"That's terrific," praised the teacher. "I certainly couldn't have done that at your age."

"Yeah," sulked a lesser light from the rear, "and then there were only 13 of them."

Wisdom comes with age, once you get into your teens.

A mother was telling her small son about the good times she had when she was a little girl—riding a pony, sliding down haystacks, and wading in a brook at the farm. "Mother," he sighed, "I wish I'd met you earlier."

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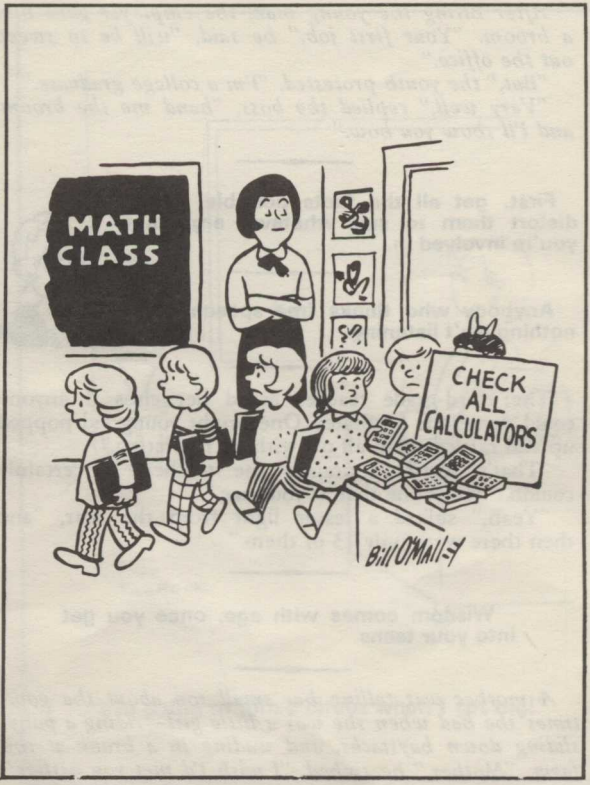

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Businessman (who had got on in the world): Yes, when I first came to New York, I had only a dollar in my pocket with which to make a start.

Interviewer: How did you invest that dollar?

Businessman: I used it to pay for a telegram home for more money.

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Critics seem to be the only people who profit by mistakes.

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The worst thing about accidents in the kitchen is that you usually have to eat them.

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Customer: There's a splinter in my cottage cheese.

Waiter: What do you expect for 20 cents—the whole cottage?

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He who talks constantly is bound to be right—occasionally.

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Little Tommy was fascinated by lawnmowers and loved being allowed to cut the lawn. When he had finished, he would gaze longingly at the grass next door. One day, he got up the courage to ask the man next door if he would like his grass cut.

"Sure," said the man. "How much?"

"Oh," said Tommy sadly, "I haven't any money."

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A not-so-bright chap was elected to the town council, where the first proposal he made was to buy a new fire engine.

"What will we do with the old engine?" another city father asked.

"Well, for one thing," he offered, "we could use it for false alarms!"

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When you're angry, count to 10 before you answer, and you'll be talking to yourself.

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The pastor had decided on an attention-grabber to open his sermon. "Everybody in this parish is going to die!" he bluntly told the congregation.

A man in the back row laughed, and everyone turned to look at him. "Why are you laughing, friend?" the pastor asked.

"Because," the man answered happily, "I don't belong to this parish."

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The safest boat never leaves the dock.

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A shoplifter, caught stealing a ring in a jewelry store, pleaded, "Don't call the police. I'll be glad to pay for it."

When the cashier presented him the bill, he said, "That's a little more than I planned to spend. Could you show me something less expensive?"

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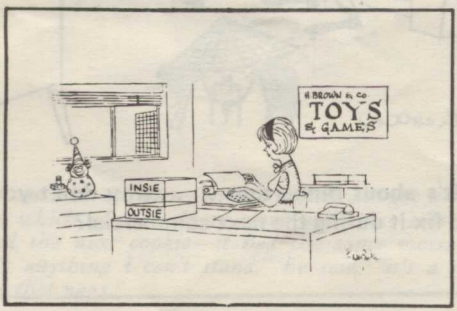
While passing a lonely corner on a dark night, a pedestrian was stopped by a voice coming out of the shadows. "Would the gentleman be so kind as to help a poor, hungry fellow who is out of a job?" it asked, and then added, "besides this revolver, I haven't a thing in the world."

The young girl smiled sweetly at the long line as she stepped into the phone booth. "Don't worry," she said, "I won't be long. I just want to hang up on him."

Said the kindly old gentleman to a small boy carrying a load of newspapers under his arm, "Don't all those papers make you tired, my lad?"

"Naw," replied the boy. "I don't read 'em."



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"It's about dinnertime . . . . why don't you go fix it during the next commercial?"

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The sportsman spoke earnestly to his friend, "It's true. I came to the track on the eleventh day of the eleventh month, and arrived at 11 o'clock. My boy was 11 that day, and one of the races showed 11 horses. So I bet on the eleventh horse on the card."

"And he won?"

"No, he came in eleventh."

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Find some good in everyone, and perhaps everyone will find some good in you.

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A foreign student, who had been invited to a teacher's home for dinner, prepared for the occasion by memorizing phrases from an etiquette book. When his host passed him some food, the boy responded, "Thank you, sir or madam, as the case may be."

A man who ate at a Chinese restaurant got a fortune cookie which advised: Hard work will bring success. He opened the next cookie—it had the same message. "If there's anything I can't stand," he said, "it's a fortune cookie that nags."

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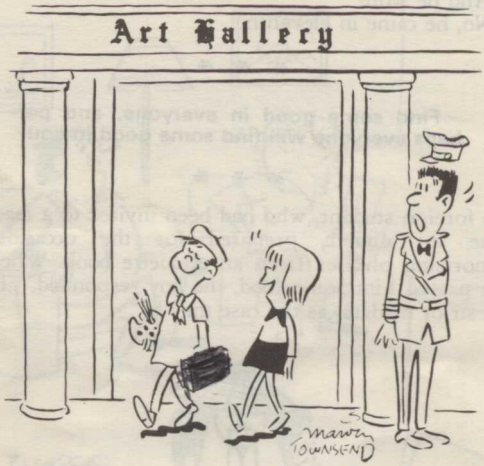

"You're a good artist, Albert! Now the old lady really looks like she's whistling."

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At a dinner party, a shy young man had been trying hard to think of something nice to say to his hostess. At last, he saw his chance when she turned to him and remarked, "What a small appetite you have tonight, Mr. Jones."

"To sit next to you," he replied gallantly, "would cause any man to lose his appetite."

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Nothing succeeds like success—in uncovering people who always knew you'd amount to something.

"It's finally happened. *Everybody* is on strike.!"

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The local weatherman was wrong on his forecasts so often that he was embarrassed and asked for a transfer. "Why do you wish to be transferred?" came the question from headquarters.

"Because the climate here doesn't agree with me."

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A jobseeker filled out an application form thusly: Date of Birth: Aug. 5, 1940. Weight: 6 lbs., 10 ounces. Height: 20 inches.

A young lady meant to call a record shop but dialed the wrong number and got a private residence instead. "Do you have 'Eyes of Blue' and 'Love That's Real'?" she asked.

"I don't know," the perplexed fellow replied, "but I've got a wife and 11 children."

"Is that a record?" she asked.

"I don't think so," the man answered, "but it's as close to it as we want to get."

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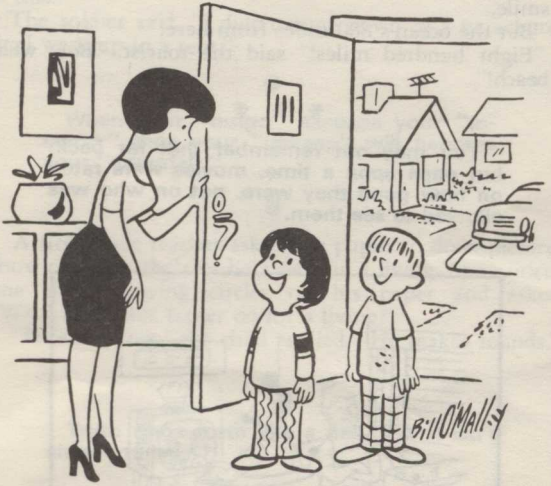

"Congratulations on winning the school board election. Is there anything we can do for you—run errands, mow the lawn? No charge, of course."

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An American tourist was in his bathing suit in the middle of the desert. An Arab rode by and blinked in amazement.

"I'm going swimming," the tourist explained with a smile.

"But the ocean's 800 miles from here!"

"Eight hundred miles!" said the tourist. "Boy, what a beach!"

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You may not remember that far back, but once upon a time, movies were rated on how good they were, not on who was allowed to see them.

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During an extra heavy windstorm, a soldier came floating through the air and landed in an Army camp in far West Texas. A captain said, "What do you mean, doing parachute practice during such a wind as this?"

The soldier said, "I didn't come down in a parachute, sir; I went up in a tent."

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When your "outgo" exceeds your "income," then your "upkeep" will become your "downfall."

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A first-grade teacher asked her pupils to draw pictures showing what their fathers did for a living. She noticed one child drawing circles on his paper and asked, "What does your father do for a living?"

"He's a doctor," the child replied. "He makes rounds."

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Truth rings forth like a bell, but it isn't always tolled.

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"My 3 boys sure stick together. When one gets into trouble, neither of the other 2 will squeal on him."

"How do you find the guilty one so as to punish him?"

"That's easy. I send all 3 of them to bed without supper, and next morning, I thrash the one with the black eye."

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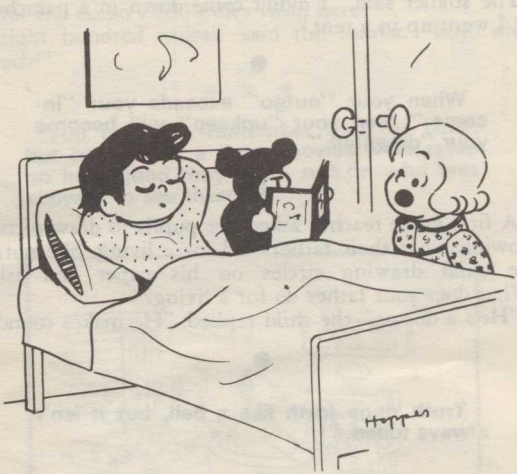

"How soon will he be through? I'd like to read that book tonight."

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The hillbilly, with a blonde hanging on his arm, took the pen handed by the motel clerk and signed the register with an X. With a thoughtful look on his face, he hesitated, then circled the X.

"A lot of people sign with an X," said the clerk, "but this is the first time I've seen one circled."

"T'aint nothin' so dadburned odd about it," replied the hayseed, "when I'm running 'round with wild women, I don't use my right name."

"You need quiet and rest . . . Why don't you go back to work?"

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"What did you learn in school today?" the mother of a first-grade student asked.

"I learned that 4 and 4 make 9," he told her.

"But that's wrong," the mother said.

The youngster answered, "Well, in that case, I didn't learn anything."

Nothing succeeds like success in locating poor relatives.

A college education adds thousands of dollars to a man's income, which he then spends sending his son to college.

A little boy had taken his mother's powder puff and was powdering his face when his small sister, age 5, snatched it from him. "You mustn't do that," she exclaimed, "only ladies use powder. Gentlemen wash themselves."

Genius is simply the ability to avoid extra work by doing it right the first time.

"My apartment is on the third floor, Apartment E. Put your elbow against the doorbell and push, hard."

"Why can't I use my fingers?" asked the friend.

"Surely you're not coming empty-handed?"

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"How about giving me another cookie? You can't take it with you, you know."

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